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Dear Members of the Food and Drug Administration,

As you consider the implications of labeling irradiated foods, please consider my words as you make your decisions. As I read through your list of questions regarding the label changing, it occurred to me that #1- I had no idea that there was a symbol on irradiated food, nor what the symbol was. #2 - I am not sure that enough information has gotten out to the general public to inform them that there is a specific symbol being used. #3 - I feel VERY strongly that I want to know what has happened to my food before I purchase it. I buy organic. I read labels. I want a choice to let farmers and stores know what I am willing to purchase. I was also certified in radiology and know that you can't predict the results of free radicals in radiation. No amount of radiation is safe. Please do not remove the symbol on irradiated foods. And please get the message out to the public that there is a symbol. The current symbol is ambiguous, if you are considering designing a new label. The current design should be a warning in my opinion, but if the information about the symbol is made more accessible, then it serves a purpose. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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